(c) whether the dependants of the employees of UCO Bank at Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab, who died in harness, got the employment on compassionate ground, if so, the names, designation and place of appointment of those persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) State Bank of India has reported that five of its employees died in harness during 2001-02 in Himachal Pradesh, out of which the dependants of two employees were given appointment on compassionate grounds. Their names are—

1. Smt. Vidya Devi, Wife of late Shri Karan Singh, Assistant, Rait Branch.
2. Smt. Guddi Devi, Wife of late Shri Hira Lal, Sweeper, Gondla Branch.

The Bank has further reported that the other three cases did not fulfil the prescribed criteria and hence, were rejected.

(c) UCO Bank has reported that four dependants of its employees who died in harness since April 2001 till date have been appointed by the bank on compassionate grounds in the States of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab. Names, designations and place of appointment of these persons are as follows:—

1. Smt. Vijay Sharma, Clerk, HPMIDC Shimla Branch.
2. Shri Alok Kumar Jain, Clerk, Koraon (Varanasi) Branch.
3. Smt. Suman Lata Sharma, Clerk, Ghurani Kalan Branch.
4. Shri Manoj Kumar, Clerk, Ghurani Kalan Branch.

The bank has further reported that two more such cases have been accorded sanction for appointment as Clerk subject to their suitability in the interview.

Heads of IRDA

2942. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether heads of different regulatory authorities in India like Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority are bureaucrats;

(b) whether industry sources say that this practice is not in conformity with liberalised economy and it should be done away with; and

(c) what is Government's response in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Some of the regulatory authorities including Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) are being headed by ex-bureaucrats.

(b) No such representation has been received regarding IRDA.

(c) Does not arise.

Allotment of Kerosene to Dealers in Orissa

2943. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of kerosene allotted and being released at present to Grameswara Kero Fuels, Jagatsinghpur, Orissa;

(b) whether Government have received a number of representations from MPs for releasing allotted quota; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) For the months of June and July, 2003, 132 kilolitres (kls) per month of kerosene was allotted and released by Indian Oil Corporation Limited to M/s. Grameswar Kero Fuels, Jagatsinghpur, Orissa.

(b) and (c) One request has been received by the Government in this regard. In the State of Orissa, Oil Companies make allocation to their dealers based on the district-wise allocation made by the State Government.

Allocation of Gas to Gujarat

2944. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :